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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To those of you who attended the Convention in Grand Bahama, my congratulations and sincere thanks.

To those of you who did not attend, my deep and sincere sympathy. You have just missed the finest and best Convention ever held by the American Hibiscus Society. This Convention broke the all time high attendance record of paid up members, husbands and wives of members, and visitors. Some visitors became members at the Convention, others expressed their plans to join their local chapters on arriving home.

The boat trip to and from the Island provided the opportunity for making new friendships and renewing old ones. Scrumptuous buffet dinners were served aboard both going over and returning to Palm Beach.

On Saturday night a panel, representing the greatest fund of accumulated knowledge of Hibiscus ever assembled, sat in an information, question and answer session. We were treated to the ultimate in "know-how" on hybridizing and culture. This distinguished panel consisted of Mr. Ross Gast, Mr. Harry Goulding, Mr. L. K. Thompson, Mr. Eric Golby, Dr. Roger Victor, Mr. Ralph Philo and Mrs. Eunice Taft.

A high spot of the convention was the announcement by our Nomenclature Co-ordinator, Mrs. John M. Wylie, that the first section of the newly revised nomenclature is in the hands of our very efficiently busy Executive Secretary and in a few weeks will be ready for distribution to the membership. Thanks, Mrs. Wylie for a difficult task getting off to such a wonderful start under your guidance, and, thanks Jimmie, for the midnight oil you burn too.

We expect this new nomenclature to bring us many new members.

The show season is now on, so, best luck with each show. Remember, one of the main reasons for presenting a show is to afford an opportunity for everyone to